

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, David Spitz, Carolyn Carey, Ginny Hewitt, Ed McManus, Dana DeCosta, Chris Harlow, Larry Ballantine, Mary Warde, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

Chairman Hughes reported that the Board had just come out of Executive Session where they discussed three potential land opportunities.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

Ms. Carey announced that the Community Center Facilities Committee will be having an open meeting on January 21 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to discuss room fees.

Ms. Hewitt announced new programs at the Library.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept resignation of Barry Worth from the Utility & Energy Conservation Commission and as Harwich Representative to the Cape Light Compact effective January 31, 2016
- B. Accept resignation of John Moretti from the Golf Committee effective immediately
- C. Approve amending the Harbor Management Plan by changing the name of Nauti Jane's Boat Rentals, Inc. to Down Cape Charters & Boat Rentals, Inc. There are no other changes to the Special Purpose Mooring Permit
- D. Approve letter of support for Cape Cod FY16 Community Development Block Grants applications to Department of Housing and Community Development
- E. Approve request by Villa Roma to close from January 17th until the first week of March 2016
- F. Approve annual renewal of Auto Class I Agents & Sellers License for Harwich Port Boat Yard
- G. Approve annual renewal of Common Victualler License for Dino's Harwich Port Grille

Chairman Hughes noted that Item A would be held as we haven't gotten the official stamped copy of the resignation. Ms. Brown moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items B through G. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS *(Not earlier than 6:30 P.M.)*

A. Public Hearing – Capital Outlay Plan FY17 – FY23 Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen/Capital Outlay Committee/Finance Committee - *discussion and possible vote*

Ms. Brown read the hearing notice into record. Mr. Clark outlined the proposed Capital Outlay Plan. He reported that total requests were \$19,608,000 with \$13,031,000 recommended for funding. Chairman Hughes and Mr. DeCosta answered procedural questions from Library Trustees' Chair Mary Warde regarding submitting an article at Town Meeting for preservation efforts at the Library. With no one else present from the public on this topic, Chairman Hughes closed the hearing.

B. Public Hearing – Community Development Strategy – *David Spitz, Town Planner*

Chairman Hughes explained that on December 14, 2015 we held a Public Hearing that was advertised for the Community Development Strategy and at it was presented by our Town Planner at that time. He noted that there was an error in the posting in that it identified the date correctly but not the day so to err on the side of caution the Board decided to re-advertise it and hold the hearing again. Ms. Brown read the hearing notice into record and Chairman Hughes opened the hearing. Mr. Spitz noted that this is the same document that they had on December 14 at which time the Board suggested 2 changes that have not been made yet but will be. He outlined the changes as follows: On Page 6, Priority #1, instead of the language “acquiring a recharge site in East Harwich” change to “study a recharge site in East Harwich” and in #4 change “finish preparation of zoning regulations for East Harwich” to “determine if one proposal should be brought to Town Meeting for approval.” Mr. Spitz said this was originally prepared in approximately 2011 and he updates it on a regular basis. He explained that it is a requirement of the state for us to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application and the significant change this year is that after many years, where our target area was Harwich Center, it is now proposed, due to the efforts of some involved local residents, to change the target area to West Harwich and we have a changed a couple of references in this document to reflect that new direction. With no one from the public appearing to give testimony or comments, Ms. Cebula moved to close the public hearing. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Cebula moved to adopt the 2016 Community Development Strategy as presented with those modest changes as outlined by Mr. Spitz. Mr. MacAskill seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. MacAskill noted that there was a letter in correspondence from a representative of the Little League asking to cut down some trees and he questioned if the Board needs to take this matter up. Mr. Clark responded that we had sent it over to Mr. Hooper who said he didn't think it was any issue. He added that if Mr. Hooper, as Tree Warden, says they can come down then it's not necessarily an action of the Board. Chairman Hughes said they need to tell us why they want to take them down and Mr. MacAskill said he had called them and they indicated that it is purely for aesthetics. Chairman Hughes said we need to get some feedback from Mr. Hooper and put it on next week's agenda.

Ms. Cebula said that the Board is still looking for an explanation of the issue that happened with the tax rate as well as the approach on allocating the indirect costs to the departments for FY16. Mr.

Clark said he is trying to schedule a meeting with the person from the Department of Revenue to have a discussion with him. He said they sent him an email and he sent back some thoughts but they need to have a discussion with him. On the allocation of indirect costs, Mr. Clark said that that was a task for Mr. Gould to handle and he has reminded him of it. He said he hopes to have it to the Board in a week or two.

With regard to the tax issue, Chairman Hughes said the Board and probably the Finance Committee will be looking to how we manage the FY16 budget cash flow process and how we are going to get to the end of the year. He said the Board would like to see what the increased revenues are that Mr. Clark spoke of. Ms. Cebula noted that she has had some phone calls asking what happened with the tax rate and that should be made available to the Board and the public particularly as it is now a month later.

Chairman Hughes said he read in the paper last week that Chatham was potentially facing some drinking water issues so one of the questions in our discussions with Chatham should be is there a way for us to help them out with their water and they can help us with our septage. Mr. Clark reported that he spoke with Mr. Duncanson who was under the impression from an article he read in the newspaper that the IMA was not going to be pursued. He said he had met with Mr. Duncanson informally today and he indicated he would get back at it and get us something.

Chairman Hughes noted that he had received 4 phone calls today regarding a survey about using the Middle School as a Cultural Center. Mr. MacAskill responded that was discussed as an option by the Middle School Repurpose Committee and a resident is putting out the survey.

Mr. LaMantia said the wastewater regulations are expected to be ready in two weeks that they want to take to Town Meeting.

Chairman Hughes asked Mr. Clark to reach out to Mr. Howell to make sure we have everything we need for Charter changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - January 4, 2016 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Resignation Barry Worth.pdf
- 03 Resignation John Morretti.pdf
- 04 HMP Change.pdf
- 05 Community Dev Block Grant.pdf
- 06 Villa Roma Request to Close.pdf
- 07 HP Boat Yard License.pdf
- 08 Dino's Grille License.pdf
- 09 Capital Outlay Plan Hearing Notice.pdf
- 10 Capital Outlay Plan.pdf
- 11 Community Dev Strategy Hearing.pdf